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QUIET MOSCOW: The scene is serene near St. Basil Church in Red Square, where average Muscovite appeared unperturbed by the Khrushchev story. (AP photo)

Moscow Not the Same Without "K"

By JAY AXELBANK, UPI Correspondent

In the secretocracy which governs official events in the Soviet Union there is always a little advance whispering.

It was that way with the Vostok space shot. The rumor mills buzzed for weeks and on the eve of the three-man launching we had the word: tomorrow morning, Oct. 12.

The launching put Moscow correspondents into an orbit of non-stop filing and broadcasting. It looked like a week without sleep. After all, the last one had been up five days.

But to our surprise — mercifully to some — the Russian brought 'Sunrise' back to earth on Tuesday after only 24 hours aloft.

Little did we know that almost at the same time the Central Committee, by all accounts, had applied the first retrorocket to N.S. Khrushchev's career. Khrushchev was summoned to Moscow on Tuesday.

"I am sorry," Khrushchev told a French visitor at the Black Sea after only a half hour chat, "I have to go off to meet the cosmonauts."

When the Frenchman (Science Minister Gaston Palewsky) told correspondents (Cont'd on page 8)

LATEST NOV. 3 PREDICTIONS: GALA OUT, EARLY BULLETIN CLOSING

The Election Night Gala listed in last week's *Bulletin* has been cancelled. *Paul Rugile*, who was planning the party, said some unexpected developments and difficulties were the reason.

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Bulletin deadline for the Nov. 7 issue has been moved back to noon Monday, Nov. 2. The Club will be closed on Tuesday, the normal closing date.

VOTES AND COPY ARE FAIR GAME TO U.S. NEWSMEN

This week as newsmen across the U.S. trace the paths of politics and politicians down to the final election climax, a few of their colleagues also are out on the campaign circuit — on their own.

One of the better-known newsmen-candidates is Pierre Salinger, running for the California Senate seat he now holds by interim appointment. (The newsmen's story in this particular race goes even deeper; Salinger in the Democratic primary defeated California State Controller *Alan Cranston*, a former London Rome-based INS reporter.)

In the south, the assistant city director of the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*, Willard Yarbrough, is running for the House in Tennessee's 2nd C.D. as a Democrat.

Lester Wolff, a TV commentator and public relations man, is the Democratic-Liberal candidate in the Nassau County 3rd C.D. in New York.

Perhaps the most interesting race for Club members is the one in the Westchester County's 26th C.D. of New York. Both of the major protagonists are OPC members and both are well-known names in the newspaper business. — *Ogden Reid*, the Republican incumbent, and *Frank Conniff*, his Democratic Liberal challenger.

Conniff, now on leave as Hearst National Editor and columnist, is rated, by his own polls, a fair chance in Westchester, a traditional Republican stronghold. This is not only because he is the first Democratic candidate in years with a national reputation, but also because of the internal disarray of the Republicans.

The Conservative Party — mostly conservative Republicans — is fielding its own candidate, since Reid, former *New York Herald Tribune* president, is

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Calendar

All reservations will be charged to members' accounts unless cancelled in writing 24 hours prior to function.

(Tapes of the Wednesday Luncheons are broadcast regularly at 5 p.m. over WNYC.)

Tues., Nov. 3 - Election Night Returns, cancelled.

Wed., Nov. 4 - Concert, with mezzo-soprano Eleanor Pudil Anop. 8:30 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 5 - Presentation of Times Tower news belt plaque by Allied Chemical, tower's new owner. 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 17 - Pennsylvania Dutch Regional Dinner, Cocktails, 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7:30 p.m. \$5.

Thurs., Nov. 19 - Publication party for new OPC book, "I Can Tell It Now". 6:30 p.m.

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MORE ON CYPRUS: Cyprus U.N. Ambassador Zenon Rossides stresses a point before an OPC Luncheon last week.

Cyprus Envoy Bids Turk Concessions On Constitution

Cyprus U.N. Ambassador Zenon Rossides took an OPC Luncheon platform last week to accuse Turkey of "one objective - the partition of that island".

(At a similar OPC luncheon about a month ago, Turkish Ambassador Orhan Eralp denied that his country sought to divide Cyprus.)

Rossides said he believed peace could come to Cyprus if only the Turks would back down on demands he said they had drawn into the island Constitution when it became independent from Great Britain.

These demands, he said, include the veto power of the Turkish vice president and a separate Turkish majority in the House of Representatives.

But the total answer is in a constitutional change which would favor the Greek majority, he stated. "Once you have these concepts removed, the problem is solved. The people of Cyprus are ready to live in peace."

Rossides charged that the people of Cyprus were never given a chance to ratify or debate the disputed constitution. This was a direct conflict with the U.N. charter, he declared.

The partition of Cyprus would be, he said, "an absolute catastrophe".

"The solution of the Cyprus problem will affect not only the peace in that area but also world peace".

Reporting on the recent Cairo conference of 47 nonaligned countries, Rossides stated that the conference had made a "very strong declaration in support of our course".

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Ruby Case Made 'Even More Impossible' By Dallas Press, Lawyer Belli Charges

By AL PETERSON

"The Dallas press helped make an impossible case even more impossible."

Jack Ruby's defense lawyer, Melvin Belli, made that claim at OPC Book night Oct. 21 to a capacity crowd and some severe critics. His book, "Dallas Justice: The Real Story of Jack Ruby and His Trial," written with Maurice Carroll of the *N.Y. Herald-Tribune*, had just been brought out two days before by David McKay Co.

In answer to a charge that he, as lawyer in a case still in process, was unethical in writing a book about it, Belli replied, "I had a perfect right to write the book after all the press said about me." He pointed out that any Ruby quotes in the book were verbal. Only written statements can be used against an accused under Texas law, he said.

Claiming that Ruby was "railroaded" by Dallas in a panic of revenge for the Oswald murder of Pres. Kennedy, Belli said the "Ruby case was a mockery from the beginning to end" because of TV and the press. "Can a TV witness be a legal juror?" he asked his audience. Despite the Texas court action and the Warren Report, which Belli said was "out of context," he is confident the Dallas verdict will be reversed on appeal.

Dallas, as well as Oswald, was convicted by Belli's book, according to Dr. Frederic Werthem, director of psychiatry of NY City Dept. of Hospitals and senior psychiatrist at Bellevue and Queens General. He claimed that Ruby, after watching the TV reports of the assassination "arrived at a point where he was no longer a free agent."

Dr. Walter Bromberg, former director of psychiatric clinic of the NY City Criminal Court, said that "Ruby was a human being first and a subject of psychological tests later."

Belli, criticized by the American Bar Assn. for his outspokenness during the Ruby trial, was described by his publisher as "a lawyer with a 30-year record of fighting for the underdog . . . one of history's most successful personal injury lawyers." He explained his perseverance in the Ruby case with a quote from former Pres. Truman: "If you can't stand the fire, get out of the kitchen."

Charged with emotion, this Book Night might have got out of hand had it not been for the firm control of moderator John K.M. McCaffery. Anita Diamant Berke, Book Night chairman, arranged the affair. William Kunstler, former counsel for the American Civil



BOOK NIGHT PANEL: Pictured are (from left) Dr. Walter Bromberg, John K.M. McCaffery, Anita Diamant Berke, William Kunstler, Melvin Belli and Dr. Frederic Werthem.

Liberties Union and author of "The Minister And The Choir Singer," was also a guest.

This was the second Book Night of the season. The first was devoted to David Ewan's "The Life and Death of Tin Pan Alley" and featured lyricist Irving Caesar, composer Ann Ronnell, tune detective Sigmund Spaeth, Columbia Record's Nat Shapiro and The Skyliners, a popular barbershop quartet.

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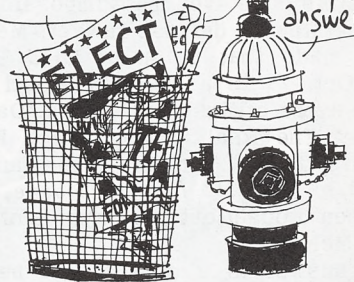


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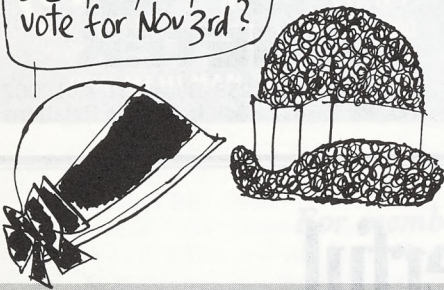
It's election time, and cartoonist Jerry Robinson records the phenomenon of politicians and voters.

the candidates offer a clear choice between the two political philosophies.. one gives the most complex answers to the simplest problems.. the other reduces the most complex problems to simple answers



darling, you've voted for LBJ twice in the Harris Poll, and for Goldwater in the Gallup and Lubell Polls...who are you going to vote for Nov 3rd?

who's running?



there's a massive reshuffling of voters.. the Southern Democrats are dealt to the Republicans..and the Northern Republicans to the Democrats

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to win in this ward we need an Italian candidate with an Irish Father, Polish Mother and 6 Scandinavian kids



KEATING, KENNEDY STATEMENTS ON DISCRIMINATION

With so many ex-New York Mirror people still jobless, the problem of age discrimination in hiring continues to be particularly pertinent for New Yorkers. Robert I. Queen, co-chairman of the OPC's Emergency Placement Committee, asked for and got statements on the problem from two of the New York Senatorial candidates, Sen. Kenneth Keating and Robert Kennedy:

KEATING:

This factor was given considerable consideration during debate on the Civil Rights bill last spring. An amendment was included in the bill which required the Secretary of Labor to initiate a study of employment problems of older citizens. At that time, it is expected that the Secretary will recommend, and the Congress consider, legislation to end discrimination. As a member of the special Senate Committee on the Aged, you can be certain that I would give such a bill my very serious consideration.

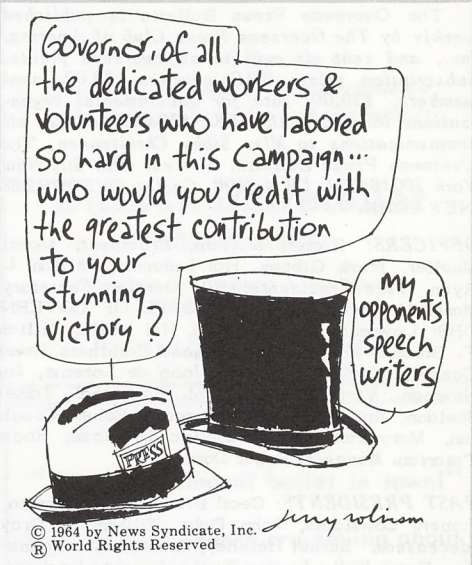
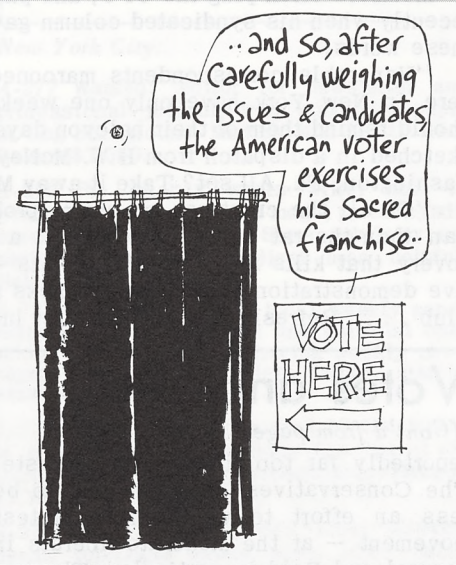
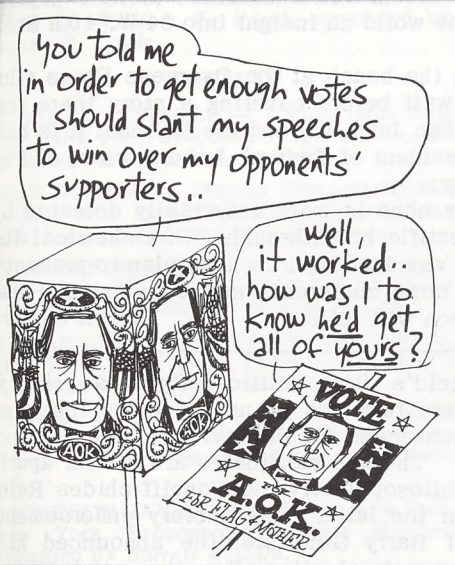
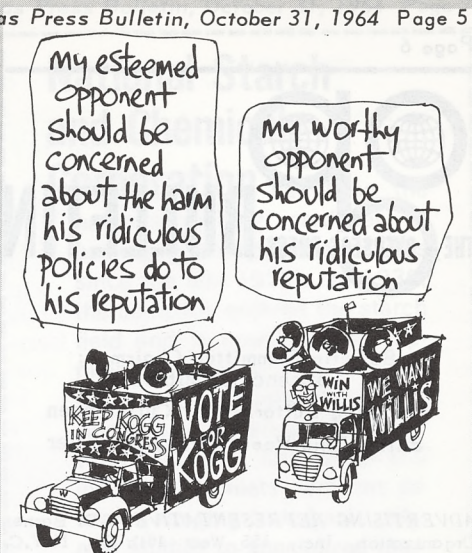
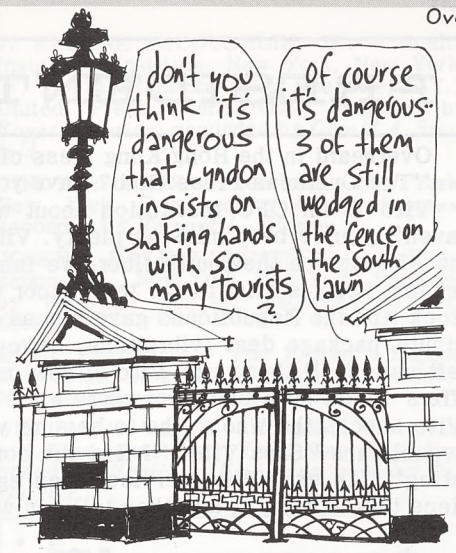
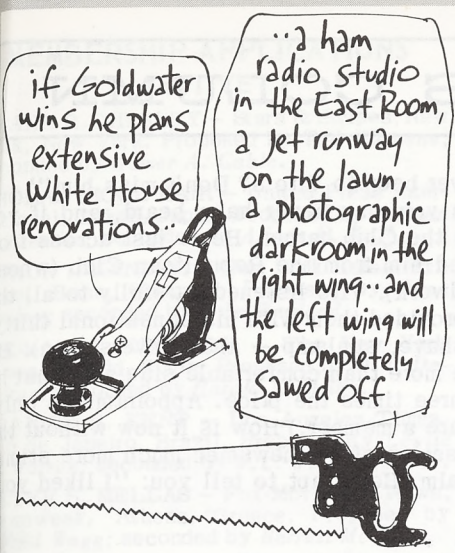
KENNEDY:

It is my conviction, and always has been, that discrimination against any job applicant because of age is wrong, unrealistic, and against the best interests of all concerned, including the employer.

Obviously, ability, application, and experience should be prime requisites in hiring. Discrimination against anyone because of age while ignoring his or her past achievements simply is not common sense. This presents a serious problem. I know that in too many instances, people are discriminated against because of age and it is a responsibility of all of us to take every possible action to eliminate such practices. We cannot afford to squander the wisdom and practical skills of experienced people, regardless of age. This applies, of course, to the newspaper business and to all businesses. We must utilize the best talent available if we are to continue to move forward.



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Overheard in the Hong Kong press club:

"The Overseas Press Club? Have you ever been to Vito's? Don't miss him!"

Vito is an OPC institution about whom you may never have heard, and if you haven't you've been missing plenty. Vito is the Club barber. He is just across from the elevator on the fourth floor. We inherited him from the Republican Club (whose emblem R.C. is still in our tenth floor woodwork). Vito listened carefully to all the stock tips the Republicans gave him as he provided them with his sensational thirty-minute package deal (vibrations, haircut, shave, sunlamp — and conversation). By the deft use of all those tips Vito is now on the more than comfortable side and what he offers would be a steal anywhere else at three times the price. Appointments only. (Vito checks the Who's Who to be sure you are a member.) How is it now without the Republicans? Says Vito: "I find the conversation of the newsmen much more stimulating". An extra Vito service is an ego balm. He is apt to tell you: "I liked your piece this morning", and then tell you why.

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Members often plug the OPC, and past president *Bob Considine* was no exception recently when his syndicated column gave the world an insight into 54 W. 40th St. in these words:

"Venerable correspondents marooned on the beach at the Overseas Press Club here in New York have only one week to wait before covering a story there that should remind them of their halcyon days at San Juan Hill and the Argonne. It is best sketched in a dispatch from H.W. McNey, president of Tavorek Laboratories, of Fort Washington, Pa. All set? Take it away McNey:

"Of all the creatures on earth, probably none is more universally detested by man than the rat Now at last a scientific breakthrough . . . a chemical discovery that kills rats — and only rats — in one feeding We plan to present a live demonstration of its effectiveness at a news conference at the Overseas Press Club Refreshments and a buffet luncheon will follow.

Barrett McGurn

Votes and Copy

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reportedly far too liberal for its taste. The Conservatives' drive is said to be less an effort to win than a protest movement — at the moderate-liberals in general and Reid in particular. The two factions did battle only two years ago in

Reid's first political fight, a primary race in which he unseated the longtime incumbent, Ed Dooley.

The two candidates are not far apart philosophically, so Conniff chides Reid on the latter's perfunctory endorsement of Barry Goldwater (he announced his support shortly after the nomination, hasn't mentioned him since).



SMORGASBORD: Gourmet Morgan Jul (center) lades out a tasty dish for Sylvia Taylor at the recent Danish Smorgasbord, while other OPC types look on. From left are Will Oursler, Top of-the-Club Chairman Alice Towsley, Jul, Miss Taylor and Mrs. Oursler. Guests also were entertained by the Norway Folk Dancers (introduced by Sons of Norway manager Svend Rosmussen), led by Fred Erickson. Gifts at the party included a case of Tuborg beer, Aquavit from Bansco Co., Tuborg representatives; and a table lighter from Scandinavian Airlines. Will Yolen auctioned off one of the Betty Crocker cakes being served at the event, with Larry Taylor, Peter McEvoy, and Jul himself as highest bidders. Cake sale money was donated to the OPC Correspondents Fund.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

By BETTY ETTER

ON THE GO: **John A. Brogan, Jr.**, foreign business director of King Features, in Mexico City attending meetings of the Inter American Press Assn., of which he is treasurer, will vacation in Florida and Bermuda before returning home Paris-based **Bernard S. Redmont** covered the summit conference of Non-Aligned Nations in Cairo October 5-12 After winding up chores in Brussels, **Arthur Rosett** returns to New York early in November . . . **Russ Anderson**, director of European operations of McGraw-Hill, flew in to New York October 30 from England and, after a few days here, planned to spend ten days in Rio de Janeiro, returning to N.Y. November 12 for two

weeks' stay **Jack Birns**, back from a month's European business trip to ten countries, headquartered at the Club this week before returning to Hollywood **Columbia Rossi** is in Miami on a special assignment in that area and the Caribbean **Roy Mehlman**, UPI International's commercial photography division, off on a three-week inspection tour to Madrid, Paris, Copenhagen, Stockholm and London.

NEW POSTS: **David Reed**, formerly a staff writer, has been named a roving editor of Reader's Digest . . . **Paul F. Williams**, former Boston Herald-Traveler columnist and editor, and P.R. director of Mohawk Airlines, to Greater New York's Blue Cross as editorial director.

Axelbank Reports That Moscow Isn't the Same Without 'K'

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about it that night, we thought there was something strange because there were still a few days to go before the official welcome in Moscow.

But then there never had been anything predictable about Khrushchev. Nothing seemed amiss.

When Khrushchev failed to show up at the airport the following day to greet Cuban President Oswald Dorticos, we still did not suspect that we had a story to make the space shot pale by comparison.

Khrushchev, in the end, was milking his vacation for every day he could get. Maybe he had been making excuses to the Frenchman.

On Thursday a "preposterous" rumor was passed on to the UPI bureau. But Moscow is always filled with rumors. This one, however, refused to be quiet. It said that Khrushchev was out, that there had been a big political shakeup.

At 4 p.m. we were informed that *Izvestia* would not be published until the next day.

Soviet sources seemed to difficult to reach. The hours dragged on. Time became increasingly charged with heaviness. There was a peculiar dread that this indeed "was it".

At 6 p.m. the word was out to listen to Moscow Radio for a special announcement. A European correspondent phoned to say that a picture of Khrushchev had been removed from the Moskva Hotel. A quick check by one of our correspondents proved this story was untrue.

Then rumors graduated into reports and the reports into "reliable reports".

The Moscow long distance switchboard was jammed. Waiting time was an hour, then two hours. Calls began coming

in from home offices in New York and London.

The door of our office swung open. Dieter Steiner, UPI photographer, rushed in. "It's down, it's down. I saw it with my own eyes."

"What's down?"

"The picture on the Moskva Hotel."

At almost the same time, bureau chief **Henry Shapiro** rushed into our wire room. He said calmly, "Go out with the story hard, quoting reliable sources." Shapiro, who had been through it before, during Stalin's death and again in the 1957 anti-party coup, had managed, after feverish checking, to pin down the news.

Still the official announcement on the radio did not come. We hesitated momentarily to pour out the avalanche of words that would mark the momentous occasion. Perhaps the announcement would contain a clue. We had to be absolutely sure.

Then at midnight, with Radio Moscow still silent, the news began to clack out on the Tass printers.

The Khrushchev era was over.

Fortified with sandwiches and coffee, we never left our typewriters that night. Thousands of words poured forth over leased wires, radio circuits, cables and special telephoned reports.

The more we wrote about Khrushchev and his time and what was likely to come in the future, the more there seemed yet to write.

The next day all over Moscow portraits of Khrushchev — although never in great abundance — began coming down. The process of making Khrushchev an "un-person" had already begun.

On Thursday I drove to Red Square. Music blared through public loudspeakers. Hordes of Russians in their baggy

RADIO & TV: **Enrique Meneses**, Fotopress, Madrid, has been appointed executive director of a new monthly TV program, *A Toda Plana*.

SPEAKERS: **Inez Robb** reports on the changing news scene to The Friendly Forum November 5 **Pauline Frederick** spoke October 22-23 in New Orleans and Fort Worth, to mark United Nations day.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Hudson**, their first child, **Lucinda Ellen**, on October 21.

DIED: **Spencer Williams**, director of Radio Liberty's worldwide press service, at the Fort Walton Beach Hospital on October 23.

HOST: **Col. Victor de Guinzbourg**, of the UN Military Staff Committee, was host to 250 top officers of the U.S. Army War College recently when they visited the UN to get a glimpse at the practice of international relations.

clothes and floppy hats promenaded to and fro.

Could they really be as unaware as they seemed of the great events which had taken place only a few yards away behind the red Kremlin walls?

This correspondent's most vivid impression is the casualness, almost apathy with which Russians took the news.

"Yes he was a good man," one Russian acquaintance said hesitatingly. "He was a man of the people but --"

"But what?"

"But — well he is gone now . . ."

"Are you sad?"

"Yes, I think so."

Other Soviet citizens to whom I talked seemed a little impatient in talking about Khrushchev. "Yes, we know he's gone," they said.

The praises for Khrushchev — his earthiness, a man of the people, his humble beginnings — overnight were no longer sung. Khrushchev had slipped across the blurred line between greatness and ignominy.

Covering Russia just wouldn't be the same without Khrushchev. There would be no more ad libbing. Communist party pronouncements would strictly be according to the book, couched in undeviating Marxist jargon.

Reading between the lines would become more important. Communism would have faceless collective leadership.

And, oh yes, when the cosmonauts finally did return to Moscow for their celebration the space story was already over the hill. If Khrushchev had been there with his bear hug, he would have supplied the electricity.

As it was, there was something awfully routinized about it.